Social Justice & Empowerment for rehabilitation of disabled persons including the blind are mentioned below:

(i) District Rehabilitation Centre.
(ii) Special Employment Exchanges and Special Cells.
(iii) NIVH, Dehradun and its Regional Centres.

Loan Received by SCs/STs from NSCSTFDC in Tamil Nadu

1935. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of SCs/STs who received loans from National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Devleopment Corporation in Tamil Nadu during the years 1997, 1998 and 1999; and

(b) the amount of money released by the Corporation during each of the above mentioned years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The number of beneficiaries who received loans from National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation in Tamil Nadu during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 is 298,542 and 275 respectively.

(b) The Corporation released Rs. 345.14 lakhs, 810.36 lakhs and 484.37 lakhs to Tamil Nadu during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 respectively.

(iv) Scheme to promote voluntary action for persons with disabilities.
(v) Special Schools for the Visually Handicapped.
(vi) National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation.
(vii) Regional Rehabilitation Training Centre.
(viii) Rehabilitation Council of India.
(ix) Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India Limited.
(x) Assistance to disabled persons for purchase/fitting of aids and appliances.